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Talking Points for DCI
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Suq al Gharb, currently occupied by at least a battalion of the Lebanese Army, is quiet following last night's attacks. The Army also occupied the town of Al Qammatiyah to the northeast.

- The LAF this morning had sent a tank company and possibly an infantry battalion from Kfar Shima to reinforce these positions. [redacted]

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Druze and Palestinian forces in Alayh, however, have reportedly launched an attack against the Lebanese Army 83rd battalion in Arraya on the Beirut-Damascus highway.

- The LAF, well dug in around Arraya and supported by heavy artillery, will probably be able to drive off the attackers. [redacted]

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[redacted] Iranians and various Palestinian factions, including Sa'qa--a Syrian-controlled group, participated in last night's attacks on Suq al Gharb.

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- [redacted] pro-Syrian PFLP, DFLP, and Fatah units have been active in the area.

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[redacted]

Syrian officers are probably participating in the attacks on Christian and LAF positions, but Syrian supply of ammunition is more important to the Druze effort.

- The Lebanese Army claims that elements of the 41st and 35th Syrian Special Forces regiments have been involved in fighting in the Shuf/Alayh region. [redacted]

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- Palestinian participation, however, is probably critical to the Druze. The Druze do not have the training or experience to engage regular troops--training which the PLO has. [redacted]

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Dayr al Qamar, a Christian village beseiged by the Druze, and Qabr Shamun, a Druze village beseiged by the Lebanese Army and Christian militia, remain quiet. [redacted]

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